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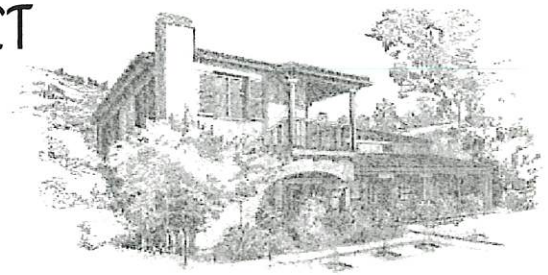
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July 23, 2026

Honorable Sheila F. Hanson
Presiding Judge
Orange County Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Subject: Response of the Laguna Beach County Water District to the 2025-2026 Orange County Grand Jury Report, "PFAS and Public Awareness – A Closer Look at Orange County Drinking Water"

Dear Judge Hanson:

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933.05, the Board of Directors of the Laguna Beach County Water District hereby submits its response to the findings and recommendations directed to the District in the Orange County Grand Jury Report entitled "PFAS and Public Awareness – A Closer Look at Orange County Drinking Water." The District is required to respond to Findings F2, F6, and F8, and Recommendations R4 and R5.

This response was approved by the Board of Directors of the Laguna Beach County Water District at its meeting held on July 23, 2026.

F2: "PFAS is widespread, and contamination has been detected in Orange County groundwater sources. Community water systems are required to report PFAS monitoring results in their annual Consumer Confidence Reports."

Response: The District concurs that community water systems are required to report PFAS monitoring results in their annual Consumer Confidence Reports in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements. The District notes the referenced groundwater detections that are a county-level condition.

F6: "Orange County drinking water meets or exceeds state and federal standards and is safe for consumption without additional home filtration."

Response: The District concurs with Finding F6.

F8: "There are limited online PFAS education and outreach programs among Orange County water retailers. Most retailers rely on OCWD for PFAS education and outreach. PFAS advisories were included in approximately 55% of the Orange County water retailers' annual water quality reports in 2025."

Response: The District partially concurs with Finding F8. The District coordinates with Orange County Water District regarding PFAS information and will continue evaluating opportunities to provide appropriate PFAS information to its customers. The District only disagrees to the extent F8 implies the District's outreach is inadequate; the District relies on OCWD's regional program, consistent with its role as a retailer that receives PFAS-free imported supply.

R4: "By July 1, 2029, all Orange County water retailers should consistently include a PFAS advisory, treatment facilities status, and compliance information in consumer confidence reports and on agency websites, using clear and understandable language for the public."

Response: The recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented by July 1, 2029. The District concurs with this recommendation.

R5: "By September 30, 2026, OCWD and all Orange County water retailers should enhance coordinated public education efforts to reassure their customers about drinking water safety."

Response: The recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented by September 30, 2026. The District concurs with this recommendation. The District will continue coordinating with the Orange County Water District and other regional partners to provide appropriate public education regarding PFAS and drinking water quality.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this response.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Orgill
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Laguna Beach County Water District